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DRIVER-TRAINING COURSES, ROUTE 65
SAMNEUA AREA, LAOS
2019N 10424E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE FIRST TRACKED-VEHICLE DRIVER-TRAINING COURSE OBSERVED IN LAOS.

2. LOCATION:

A TRACKED-VEHICLE DRIVER-TRAINING COURSE AND A WHEELED-VEHICLE DRIVER-TRAINING COURSE HAVE BEEN LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF SAMNEUA, LAOS ON ROUTE 65 AT 2019N - 10424E (UTM VH378477).

3. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS A TRACKED-VEHICLE DRIVER-TRAINING AREA CONSISTING OF TWO OVAL-SHAPED TRACK PATTERNS APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET AND 550 FEET IN LENGTH. TRACK CORNERING THROW-OUT (SPOILAGE) AND PROBABLE ALIGNMENT MARKERS, TYPICAL OF TRACKED-VEHICLE DRIVER-TRAINING AREAS, ARE LOCATED ALONG THE TRACKS. A 0.2 NM ACCESS ROAD CONNECTS THE TRACK WITH ROUTE 65.

A FIGURE-EIGHT SHAPED DRIVING TRACK APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET IN LENGTH AND BELIEVED TO BE USED FOR WHEELED VEHICLES ONLY IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF ROUTE 65 AT UTM VH381472.

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EVIDENCE OF BULLDOZING ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED AT UTMS VH376479
AND VH377474 AND IN A GRAVEL PIT IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF ROUTE 65 AT
UTM VH380471. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT THE TRACKED-VEHICLE
DRIVER-TRAINING AREA WOULD BE USED FOR TRAINING BULLDOZER OPERATORS.

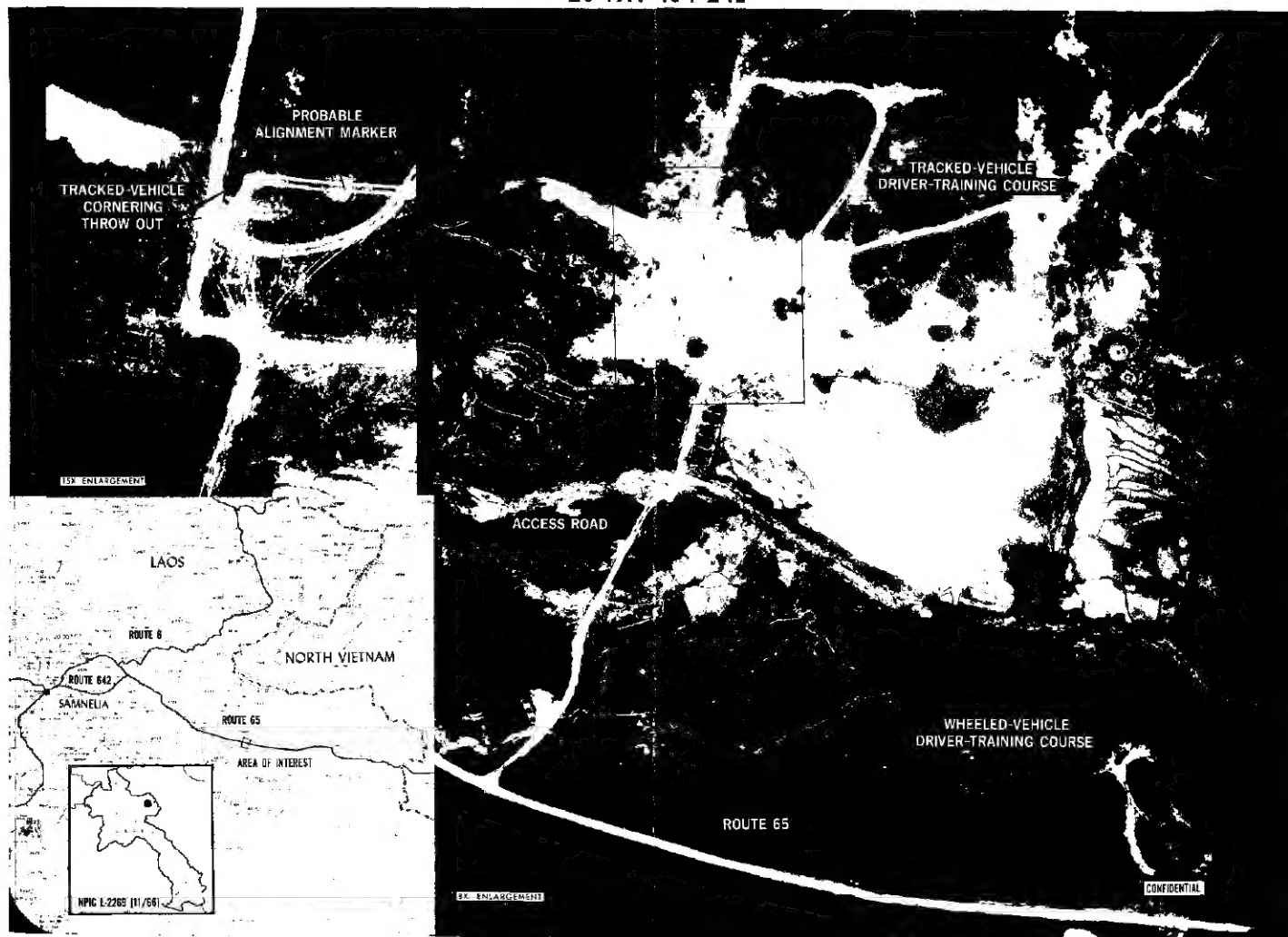


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